

The following is a complete listing of all claims in the application, with an indication of the status of each:

Listing of claims:

1 1 (Original). An information providing system comprising:

2 a printer;

3 a user terminal connected to said printer and sending print information to said
4 printer; and

5 an information providing server delivering information via a communication
6 line,

7 wherein said printer comprises:

8 means for acquiring the information delivered from said information
9 providing server, said means for acquiring the information being connected to said
10 information providing server via the communication line;

11 means for printing the acquired information according to a print
12 instruction received from said user terminal; and

13 means for notifying an amount of information acquired from said
14 information providing server and printed,

15 wherein said user terminal comprises:

16 means for sending a print instruction to said printer; and

17 means for setting a print format of the information, which is acquired
18 from said information providing server, in said printer, and

19 wherein said information providing server comprises:

20 means for calculating a total of the amount of information notified by
21 said printer.

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1 2 (Original). The information providing system as defined by claim 1 wherein said
2 printer prints the information when the information is acquired from said information
3 providing server.

1 3 (Original). The information providing system as defined by claim 1 wherein said
2 printer prints the information when the information acquired from said information
3 providing server is updated from the information acquired last.

1 4 (Original). The information providing system as defined by claim 1 wherein, when
2 said printer prints the information received from said user terminal, said printer prints
3 the information, which is acquired from said information providing server, in a
4 margin of the print medium.

1 5 (Original). The information providing system as defined by claim 1 wherein, when
2 said printer prints the information received from said user terminal, said printer prints
3 the information, which is acquired from said information providing server, in a
4 margin of the print medium, said print margin being produced by reducing a
5 predetermined print field of the information.

1 6 (Original). The information providing system as defined by claim 1 wherein, when
2 said printer prints the information received from said user terminal, said printer
3 combines the information acquired from said information providing server and prints
4 the information in a blank portion of a print field of the information.

1 7 (Original). The information providing system as defined by claim 1 wherein said
2 printer prints the information, which is acquired from said information providing
3 server, on a reverse side of the print medium on which the information from said user
4 terminal is to be printed.

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1 8 (Original). The information providing system as defined by claim 1 wherein the
2 communication line is a line connected to the Internet.

1 9 (Original). An information providing method comprising the steps of:

2 (a) storing, by an information provider, information into an information
3 providing server;
4 (b) by a printer of a customer, acquiring the information stored in said
5 information providing server, printing the information on a print medium, and
6 notifying an amount of the printed information to said information providing server;
7 and

8 (c) paying consideration to the customer by the information provider based on
9 the notified amount of information.

1 10 (Original). The information providing method as defined by claim 9 wherein said
2 information providing server and said printer are connected via the Internet.

1 11 (Original). An information providing method comprising the steps of:

2 (a) storing, by an information provider, information into an information
3 providing server;
4 (b) lending printer from the information provider to a customer;
5 (c) by said printer, acquiring the information stored in said information
6 providing server, printing the information on a print medium, and notifying an
7 amount of the printed information to said information providing server; and
8 (d) collecting, by the information provider, an amount of value corresponding
9 to a rental charge of said printer from the customer based on the notified amount of
10 information.

1 12 (Original). The information providing method as defined by claim 11 wherein said
2 information providing server and said printer are connected via the Internet.

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1 13 (Original). An information providing system comprising:

2 an information providing server having means for storing information to be
3 provided to customers;

4 means for setting a printer at a customer so as to acquire the information stored
5 in said information providing server, to print the information, and to notify an amount
6 of the printed information to said information providing server;

7 wherein said information providing server comprising means for paying the
8 customer by an information provider based on the notified amount of the printed
9 information.

1 14 (Original). The information providing system as defined by claim 13 wherein said
2 information providing server and said printer are connected via an Internet.

1 15 (Original). An information providing system comprising:

2 an information providing server having means for storing, by an information
3 provider, information to be provided to customers;

4 means for registering a printer lent from the information provider to a
5 customer;

6 means for setting said printer so as to acquire the information stored in said
7 information providing server, to print the acquired information, and to notify an
8 amount of the printed information to said information providing server; and

9 means for collecting a rental charge of said printer from the customer based on
10 the notified amount of information.

1 16 (Original). The information providing system as defined by claim 15 wherein said
2 information providing server and said printer are connected via an Internet.

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1 17 (Original). The information providing system as defined by claim 15, wherein said
2 means for setting the printer includes a program which performs said setting through
3 being accessed by said printer.

1 18 (Original). A computer readable program product for performing an information
2 providing service, the program product comprising the steps of;

3 (a) storing information to be provided to customers in an information
4 providing server;

5 (b) setting a printer at a customer so as to acquire the information stored in
6 said information providing server, to print the information, and to notify an amount of
7 the printed information to said information providing server;

8 (c) paying the customer based on the notified amount of the printed
9 information.

1 19 (Original). A computer readable program product for performing an information
2 providing service, the program product comprising the steps of;

3 (a) storing information to be provided to customers in an information
4 providing server;

5 (b) registering a printer lent from an information provider to a customer;

6 (c) setting said printer so as to acquire the information stored in said
7 information providing server, to print the acquired information, and to notify an
8 amount of the printed information to said information providing server; and

9 (d) collecting an amount of value corresponding to a rental charge of said
10 printer from the customer based on the notified amount of the printed information.

1 20 (Original). The program product as defined by claim 19, wherein said amount of
2 value corresponds to a rental charge less an amount associated with the notified
3 amount of the printer information.

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1 21 (Currently amended). A printer connectable to a user terminal, said user terminal
2 which receives information from an information providing server via a communication
3 line and sends said information to the printer with a print instruction and sets a print
4 format for the information, and wherein the information providing server can calculate
5 a total of the amount of information notified by said printer, said printer comprising:

6 means for acquiring the information delivered from said information
7 providing server, said means for acquiring the information being connected to said
8 information providing server via the communication line;

9 means for printing the acquired information according to a print
10 instruction received from said user terminal; and

11 means for notifying an amount of information acquired from said
12 information providing server and printed.

1 22 (Currently amended). A printer connectable to a user terminal, said user terminal
2 which receives information from an information providing server via a communication
3 line and sends said information to the printer with a print instruction and sets a print
4 format for the information, and wherein the information providing server can calculate
5 a total of the amount of information notified by said printer, said printer comprising:

6 a printhead which prints the acquired information according to a print
7 instruction received from said user terminal; and

8 an information processor which acquires information delivered from
9 said information providing server via the communication line, and which provides
10 notification of an amount of information acquired from said information providing
11 server and printed.